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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

[c01] (Currently Amended) A method of providing communications services, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

- allowing a subscriber to create a data message;
- allowing the subscriber to associate the data message to an originating party and to a recipient;
- receiving a communication from the originating party; and
- communicating the data message to the recipient via an Internet Protocol communications network.

[c02] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ receiving the communication comprises receiving a telephone call intended to terminate at a telephone number associated with the subscriber.

[c03] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ receiving the communication comprises receiving an electronic communication addressed to the subscriber.

[c04] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ allowing the subscriber to create the data message comprises allowing the subscriber to create an audio message.

[c05] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ allowing the subscriber to create the data message comprises allowing the subscriber to access a user interface via an Internet Protocol communications network, the user interface prompting the subscriber to create the data message and to associate the data message to a recipient.

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- [c06] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ allowing the subscriber to create the data message comprises allowing the subscriber to specify a time of day that the data message is communicated to the recipient.
- [c07] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ allowing the subscriber to preview the data message.
- [c08] (Original) A method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of allowing the subscriber to audibly preview the data message.
- [c09] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 7, further comprising ~~the step of~~ allowing the subscriber to visually preview the data message.
- [c10] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ allowing the subscriber to attach a computer file to the data message.
- [c11] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ allowing the subscriber to create the data message comprises allowing the subscriber to record audio content.
- [c12] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ allowing the subscriber to create the data message comprises allowing the subscriber to input text.
- [c13] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ accepting voice commands from the subscriber when creating the data message.
- [c14] (Currently Amended) A method of providing communications services, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

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storing a user interface in memory, the user interface allowing a first party to compose a data message and to associate that data message with a second party and with a third party;

receiving a communication from the second party; and
communicating the data message to the third party.

- [c15] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 14, wherein ~~the step of~~ receiving the communication comprises receiving a telephone call intended to terminate at a telephone number associated with the first party.
- [c16] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 14, wherein ~~the step of~~ receiving the communication comprises receiving an electronic communication addressed to the first party.
- [c17] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 14, further comprising ~~the step of~~ allowing the first party to preview the data message.
- [c18] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 14, further comprising ~~the step of~~ allowing the first party to attach a file to the data message.
- [c19] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 14, further comprising ~~the step of~~ allowing the first party to record audio content for the data message.
- [c20] (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

a Communications Module stored in a memory device, and a processor communicating with the memory device;

the Communications Module allowing a first party to compose a data message and to associate that data message with a second party and with a third party, and when a

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communication from the second party is received, the Communications Module initiates communication of the data message to the third party.

[c21] (Previously Presented) A computer program product, comprising:

a computer-readable medium; and

a Communications Module stored on the computer-readable medium, the Communications Module allowing a first party to compose a data message and to associate that data message with a second party and with a third party, and when a communication from the second party is received, the Communications Module initiates communication of the data message to the third party.